

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. An electric shaver comprising:

an oblong body having upper and lower ends and having  
5 front and rear sides;

a pair of elongate shaving heads extending across the  
upper body end on respective front and rear sides of the  
body, each having an outer cutting foil and an inner  
shearing cutter co-operable with the foil to perform a  
10 cutting action; and

a drive mechanism located in the upper body end and in  
drive engagement with the shaving heads for reciprocating  
the two shearing cutters in opposite left and right  
directions against the corresponding cutting foils for  
15 cutting;

wherein at least a first of the shaving heads has a first  
part and the upper body end is provided with a second  
part, and the two parts are in movable engagement with  
each other such that the first shaving head is  
20 compressible downwardly to move outwardly from the  
corresponding one of the front and rear sides of the  
body, thereby stretching a user's skin flat to facilitate  
shaving.

2. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein the movable engagement between the two parts comprises a slidable engagement.

3. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 2, wherein the slidable engagement between the two parts is linear and inclined at an acute angle with respect to the body.

4. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 3, wherein the slidable engagement between the two parts is inclined at an angle of substantially  $45^{\circ}$  with respect to the body.

5. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shearing cutter of the first shaving head includes a base in engagement with the drive mechanism and includes the first part, and the drive mechanism includes the second part in said movable engagement with the first part.

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6. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first part has a pair of legs flanking the second part, and each of the legs and the adjacent side of the second part include a protrusion in slidable engagement

within a slot to permit the downward and outward movement of the first shaving head.

7. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
5 the cutting foil of the first shaving head includes the first part and is supported by a fixture which is provided at the upper body end and includes the second part is in said movable engagement with the first part.

10 8. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 7, wherein the cutting foil has opposite ends each providing the first part, the fixture has opposite ends each providing the second part adjacent a respective said first part, and the adjacent first and second parts of each pair  
15 include a protrusion in slidable engagement within a slot to permit the downward and outward movement of the first shaving head.

9. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
20 the second shaving head has substantially the same construction as the first shaving head, both shaving heads being compressible downwardly to move outwardly from the corresponding front and rear sides of the body.

10. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein the shearing cutter of each shaving head comprises a row of cutter blades mounted fast on an elongate member that is in turn supported at its mid-length by a spring  
5 connected to a base in engagement with the drive mechanism.